

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 10, 2003.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 10-13, and 21 are amended, claims 2-3, 5-7, 9, 14-20 are canceled, and claims 22-29 are added; as a result, claims 1, 4, 8, 10-13, and 21-29 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 10-13, and 21 are amended to clarify the language therein and are not amended in response to any substantive rejection of the claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the 1449 Form, listing all references that were submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 20, 2003, and presently herewith be marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner and returned with the next official communication.

Specification Amendments

Applicant amends the specification to correct a minor grammatical error on page 2 and clarify other minor informalities on pages 3 and 15. No new matter is believed to be proposed. Approval and entry of the specification amendments are requested.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chiu. Claims 16 and 20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant makes no admission as to the substance or appropriateness of this rejection.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 4, 8, 10-13, 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant believes that

claims 1, 4, 8, 10-13, 19 and 21, as previously pending, comply with the requirements of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4, 8, 10-13, 19 and 21 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112 set forth in the Office Action. Applicant believes that Claims 1, 4, 8, 10-13, 19 and 21 comply with the requirements of 35 USC § 112. Applicant accordingly requests allowance of these claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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